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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the entering of the following preliminary amendment to the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1 of the specification, please add:

This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/015,603, filed on January 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,029,043 and is incorporated by reference into this application.

In the Claims:

Please AMEND claims 63, 75, 76 and 82 as follows:

1. **63. (Once Amended)** A computer-aided group-learning method for more than one user to work on a subject, the method comprising the steps of:

setting a duration of time for users to communicate in a dialogue session so as to allow the users to work on materials on the subject; and

monitoring at least one user's inputs during the dialogue session so as to have the monitored inputs available for analysis [for guiding] to guide at least one user back to the subject in the dialogue session when one or more users have been distracted from the subject;

such that the dialogue session provides an interactive environment to help the users learn.

B3 13. **75. (Once Amended)** A computer-aided group-learning system for more than one user to work on a subject, the system comprising:

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